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THE TIGER (S)

On my Right....the Minister of Foreign Affairs. On my left....or maybe a little to the centre.....the Leader of the Opposition. Last week, in Atiu, we saw them head on for the first time - the two members of the younger generation of Cook Islands politicians who, so supporters say, will dominate Parliamentary life for the next year. And, in the case of one, maybe for a very long time to come. This week, we devote our entire edition to a close look at the two most powerful young politicians in the country. A unique JOURNAL presentation.

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His party's voice

A matter of ENERGY

A brand-new 12 unit motel and a revolutionary wood burning power supply are among the development package to be delivered to Atiu within the next 12 months, according to well-placed JOURNAL sources.

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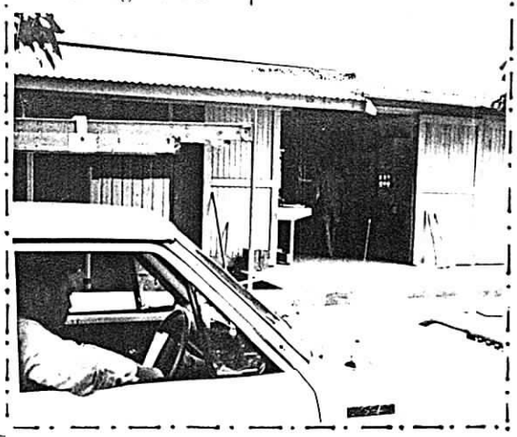

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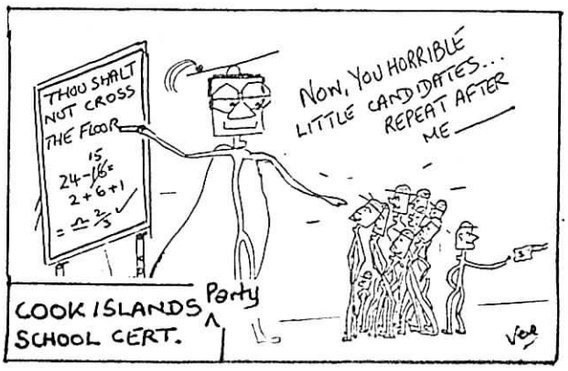

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SCENE: Upstairs. VIP loo. PM musing.

ENTER: General de Gorge, resplendent. Croix de Guerre, Legion d'honneur etc

PM: Excuse me, General....
GG: You carry on PM.
PM: No..I meant I need a spot of advce.
GG: Oui,..I mean.. Yes..PM.
PM: I've been reading about this chap Lange, General...
GG: Is that wise, PM ?
PM: I'm not sure, General. But possibly we can learn from them. Or at least I can learn from them.
GG: Not too much, I hope, PM.
PM: Well..it seems as if this Lange fellow has got himself a "natural majority". Do you think we should try for one of those.
GG: I really think not, PM. We're far safer with what we've got.
PM: And what's that General ?
GG: A simple majority, PM.

(EXEUNT relieved)

"No, but seriously.."

What has been clearly demonstrated in the politics of the West in the 1980's is that long-standing "natural"majorities and minorities can collapse and re-assert themselves in different forms under the pressure of open market, monetarist economics.

The large amounts of patronage being poured into government constituencies can be seen as an attempt to ensure that the old CIs. natural majority keeps pace with the new rich which in terms of material progress.

Government has undoubtedly helped create a new rich class. It would seem sound party politics to add to their ranks, through unearned patronage, enough of the party faithful to reconstitute a new "majority" of the rich and the subsidised conservative loyalists.

The only problem in this strategy lies in whether the money supply will hold out.

It is reported that the new Secretary of Treasury is a man who is hard on the diversions and departmental wheeling and dealing with vote items that went on under the Davis administration.

Hence, from Government's point of view, their most important member is the PM. Not by way of status. But because he is Minister of Finance.

And on him will depend whether the money flows fast enough to fund a ruthlessly right wing strategy but one which may prove highly effective in breaking across some fairly entrenched "old" party loyalties.

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The weekly magazine, of which the JOURNAL is a tiny "homegrown" example is in an exciting stage of development at this moment in journalistic history. Unlike the daily and the monthly, it is in the process of constant re-definition as to its function. As our original readers will realise, we are undergoing as much of a crisis in determining what we present to our readers as any of the world's weeklies.

Many weeklies are attempting to work at the outer limits of the traditional weekly format. An example of this was brief reign of NEWSWEEK editor Broyles among whose more radical "experiments" was a highly literate 27 page study of the build-up to execution of a convicted killer.

In this issue, we feel it appropriate to postpone our three promised features on Racism, Video and Co-operative agriculture to concentrate solely on the drama felt in Atiu by the arrival on our shore, face to face, of the two political leaders who represent the future and the next generation of CIs. political leadership. It is an experiment. We hope you enjoy reading what is a first in Cook Islands journalism - a dramatic presentation of the young "Tigers" who hope to assume the role of national leadership one day.

In view of our belief in the importance of the studies and interviews in this week's issue, we hope that fans of "vera", Dear Doctor, Look, my werld and our regular features on Economics and Society will be able to restrain their impatience for just one week!

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POLITICS

MINISTER GETS TOUGH

Last week's visit to Atiu by the Parliamentary Select Committee on Superannuation was no picnic on home soil for Foreign Affairs Minister Norman George.

Politicking hard

Maybe it was the presence of a cool and super-confident Opposition leader Geoffrey Henry alongside him at the Select Committee Gatherings.

Maybe it was the knowledge that showdown time is very obviously close in Atiu between the die-hard stalwarts of the two parties and those they regard as having had a three year ride on Coalition coattails.

Or maybe it was just the strain of the sudden transition between Affairs of State and the brief return to the flavourless diet of subsistence politics on Atiu.

Whatever the reason, Minister George seemed tense and sometimes downright prickly at times.

Comments during the Committee meetings were reported as sometimes abrupt and, towards the end of the day, insistent to the point of sharpness with witnesses.

Health, one of the few Departments resolutely opposed to the Superannuation Bill, suggested that Government had no proof that they could handle the fund as they had never done such a task before.

The statement was, of course, clumsy. The speaker may have been nervous.

He did, however, represent a department of government. And the point hit right at the heart of many public fears. It IS, after all, the public's life savings the government propose taking over.

Had the point been a question (how can government persuade us that they can handle the matter without trying themselves out on our life's savings first ?) its importance might have come out.

Perhaps, Mr. George was at the end of a long day psychologically battling Mr. Henry (who was often VERY naughty!) for control of the chair. But Health's statement hardly merited the snap back it got.

It is not for the public to be browbeaten by politicians they elect to office. The contrary is the more acceptable situation.

Mr. Henry was more polite but hardly answered the question by trying to prove NZ and Australia were unsatisfactory....overlooking the fact that the question of our own government's competence arises because the public do NOT find NZ unsatisfactory and do NOT believe Mr. Henry when he tells

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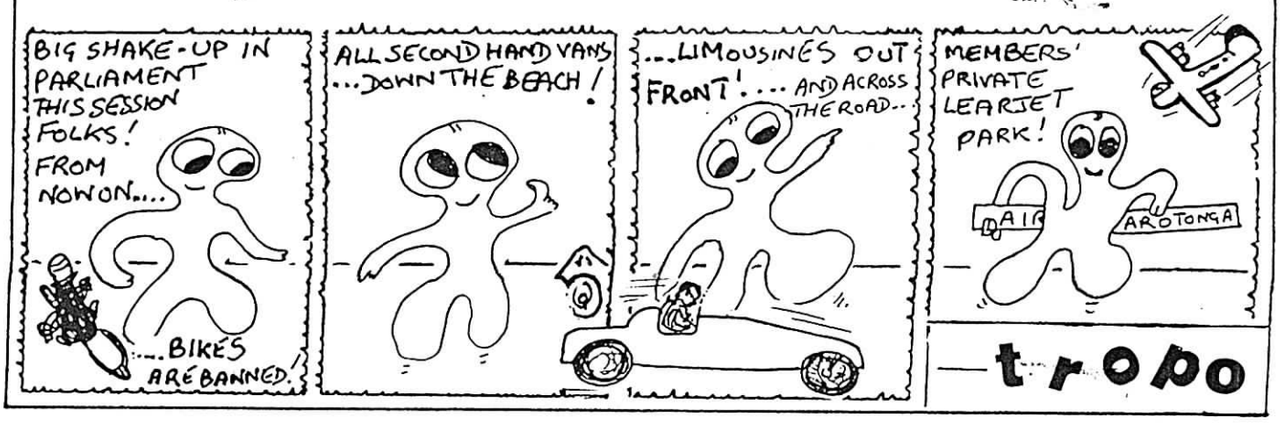
A laughable episode, according to Minister George who laughs himself at suggestions that the PM was "set up".

the quorums

(AN EVERYDAY TALE OF POLITICAL FOLK)


BIG SHAKE-UP IN PARLIAMENT THIS SESSION FOLKS! FROM NOW ON....
...BIKES ARE BANNED!
ALL SECOND HAND VANS ...DOWN THE BEACH!
...LIMOUSINES OUT FRONT!.... AND ACROSS THE ROAD...
MEMBERS' PRIVATE LEARJET PARK!
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POLITICS

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them "the Emperor's got no clothes".

Nor was anyone much impressed by Mr. Henry's assurance that "we will make mistakes".

Not with my super, you won't, mate!

Year

Whereas Mr. Henry played the "nice guy" and reassured no one, Mr. George appeared as the bad guy who gave total assurance that whatever the problems brought up by the public, "we WILL put (the Bill) through."

Neither was of much consolation for those who are still convinced their superannuation is going to end up in a bankrupt Coalition Construction Inc. or as a downpayment on a Minister's condomium in darkest Miami.

Minister George has had a somewhat stressful year. The pressure has hardly been off, in fact, for over two years now. Those who have followed closely his meteoric rise to high Regional prominence have witnessed Norman George staying one, or at times, half a jump ahead of the next move week in, week out.

He has quickly emerged (seeTe Akatauira No. 1) as the prime opposition target for the CIP.

Three years ago, TURAMA ran brutally personalised anti-George cartoons and the Ingram side of the opposition has not let up since.

Three years of non-stop battering by the opposition plus the continuing and often virulent in-fighting of the "taokotaianga" Coalition are bound to leave a mark.

And the real hammering hasn't yet started for the man who, four years ago only, was a backbench novice.

It is worth noting all this as the signs of mild irritation which Norman George has always legitimately shown from time to time seemed to move into the area of "let's get tough" - ness which is, we believe, precisely what will bring joy to the hearts of his opponents.

A Norman George under extreme pressure could make the sort of errors of judgment an unpressured Geoffrey Henry is unlikely to make in election year.

As always, Mr. George, on his latest visit, was free with his time to the media.

He has never been one to turn the press away, even when displeased with its representatives.

House

This time the JOURNAL, or at least one of its "papparazi" rushing round Raro recently, taking snapshots of Mr. George and Mr. George's house in Titikavekawasnailed.

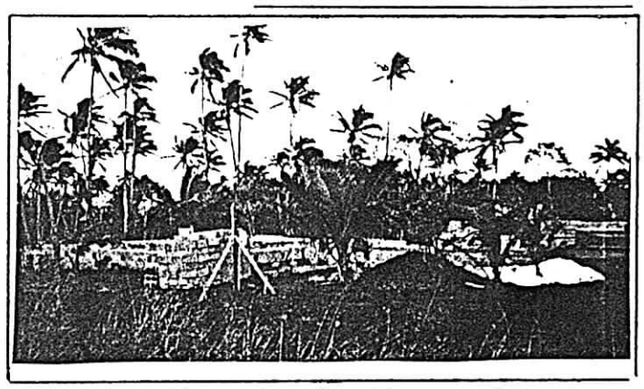
"It's a downright intrusion into privacy," he said.

"If your photographer wants shots of my house, let him ask. I'll give him good quality ones gladly."

"And as for taking unexpected shots of me relaxing at a night club, "Mr. George added, "your photographer was lucky he didn't get his camera wrapped round his neck!"

On a more serious note, Mr. George reacted strongly to media and other interest being taken in his new house, now under construction at Titikaveka.

A report to the JOURNAL from a source we have no reason to doubt, offered a value of between $250,000 and $300,000 on the house.



Construction site for the new George residence in Titikaveka. "My affair alone," states Minister George.

Almost since our initial issue there has been pressure upon the JOURNAL to investigate alleged areas of conflict involving the house.

Mr. George stated to the JOURNAL, "My house is no one's concern but my own and my family's."

He emphatically denied any cause for public concern over the financing of his house.

"There is no conflict of interest at all," he said, "between my house and anything involving government."

"My house involves MY committments, MY money and MY mortgage. If I want to take them on, it is my affair and no one else's."

"On the question of any government contracts," he said, "these are always given to the firm offering the best service and the best deal to the public."

JOURNAL COMMENT

Mr. George's statements were emphatically reported to the JOURNAL in like fashion by Internal Affairs Minister Dr. Teariki Matenga some weeks ago. Dr. Matenga said, "I can assure you that we in the government are under very strict rules and we have to keep them."

The JOURNAL has received nothing whatsoever of substance to link the Minister of Foreign Affairs with any impropriety

We would be the first to publish anything of substance after the person involved had been given the right to defend him or herself.

Mr. George appears to be required to prove he is innocent which is the way, not of our democracy, but of the tumunu.

The above statement is entirely voluntary.

All

Mr. George had similar strong words "for any local business which tries to stand in the way of Atiuan development."

"We will not put up with any business monopoly. I want to see all businenesses thrive on Atiu through competition. There will be no more monopolies," he added.

So ?

Mr. George concluded by repeating his statement in the last session of Parliament to the effect that, "if anyone wants to know anything about me or my affairs, all they have to do is ask me."

*Which is what the JOURNAL did and the above represents our answers and our unprompted comments.

For Whom the Withers Tolls

HOW IT WAS

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POLITICS

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We were under the impression that we had "killed" the "PM & THE STRIPPER" story.

We established that the Editor of the Melbourne edition of TRUTH had little to go on bar a stringer's story from Sydney and his own alleged "interview" with the PM at his hotel in Caberra.

We established that the manager of the Clock Hotel had not been present at the interview but told us categorically that the incident was "NOT as described".

Our limited resources had to leave it at that but we were satisfied that the country had been cleared of the reputation of possessing a bump-crazy sugar daddy as PM.

However, last month's TE AKATAUIRA topped up the story with what was either an ingenious bit of sluething or an unacceptable smear.

Street

The Rarotonga Monthly re-appeared on the street after a long absence.

It featured the "Stripper", Ms. Donna Marie Withers (21) of several abodes, as its main story.

Curiously, it claimed "exclusivity". That annoyed us a bit since we had (mistakenly) raced CINews to get something fresh for readers on the gossip that was circulating Raro with the speed of a RRRR favourite.

But, to our chagrin, towards the end, it did look as if TA had grabbed itself, at the least, a bit of exclusive guesswork.

The PM, they suggested, may have been set up.

The broad hint was given that in TA's view the "setting up" may have been done by one of the PM's party.

Not to our surprise, an opposition supporter confirmed to us that the finger was pointing at none other than Atiu's MP, Foreign Affairs Minister Norman George.

Hence, the following conversation took place last week between the Minister and the JOURNAL.

Lunch

J: Have you got your back covered over the affair in Australia ?
NG: What affair ?
J: The matter of the PM and the Stripper.
NG: Oh that. What of it ?
J: There appear to be opposition rumours around that you may have been involved in setting up the PM.
NG: That's laughable. Look the whole thing is nothing. Absolutely nothing. The paper involved is just a scandal sheet. What happened was, that we decided to go for lunch to this hotel. A perfectly respectable hotel. After all, we took our wives.

There were a couple of dancers, a Rarotongan girl and the one in the paper. She wasn't stripped. She wore a sort of gym slip!

I could understand the thing being blown up if the accusation had been laid at others of us. People might have been tempted to take it seriously. But everyone knows the PM is a quiet, retiring church-going gentleman. It's preposterous. Quite ridiculous. I can understand the PM being upset but I think it's best forgotten. I believe the Hotel may be suing the paper.

As for me having my back covered. Yes. I always have. But in this case there's nothing to cover up for. The whole thing's laughable.

JOURNAL COMMENT

Mr. George's comments reveal an attitude which he has pursued with consistency- that a person's private life is their own affair.

On the same issue, Mr. Henry often takes a more moralistic view.

Our contacts with the public have indicated a feeling that an explanation is due as to how come so many CIs government reps were lunching together at a "girlie" pub in Sydney.

PUBLIC OPINION

Who cares $800000 on Travel!

PART THREE of our political analysis of our two leaders takes as a starting point the oft-belaboured issue of ministerial travel. SEE PAGE SIX

Open to all

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AFTER WORK
WEEK-ENDS
TONIGHT

WELCOME

PUBLIC OPINION

Who cares

$800000 on Travel!

In the following article, we are not intending to rehash the rather tired old issue of government travel. What we attempt to do is to present two diametrically opposed stances. The first is the commoner, less politically aware view which is frequently heard. The second attempts to place travel in the context of overall political strategy. The editor is grateful to many over the last two years from government, opposition and the private sector whose perceptions form the basis for this article.

That, according to a JOURNAL Treasury contact, is the most recent annual estimate of government travel costs!

It is a sum, we calculate, in $'s per man, woman and child of $147 million in NZ equivalents!

If transferred in similar terms to the USA, it would amount to about $3 billion!!!.. enough to lob a small rocket into space or underwrite the GDP of more than a few 3rd World Nations.

So, is it fair to calculate stats in such terms ?

Well, we think it could be but the High Court doesn't!

That was the precise method used by ex-QR and Chief Judge, Sir Gavin Donne in 1978 to calculate what he believed was the enormity of Albert Henry's Ansett charters at Election time.

It was the exact dramatic illustration used by Sir Gaven to rationalise slinging out the CIP government and eventually banning Albert from politics for three years.

So what was good for Sir Gaven Donne, seems good enough for us.

Hence...at near 50 bucks apiece per man, woman and child..the travel & trips bill of the Cook Is. government appears preposterous...nay.. ridiculous...nay.. scandalous...nay.. ...DOWNRIGHT OUTRAGEOUS!!!

So why do it. Why risk the voter wrath from the man in the swamp, the lady in the are umu ?

Because, according to our contact, the system (all legal and above board) is just too tempting to resist.

This is especially so, it appears, in the case of those MP's and senior public servants whose mortgage and loans commitments are such that an election loss in '89 could mean very serious financial difficulty.

We are told that, according to grade, Government travellers receive a per diem (a daily pocket money allowance).

This "per diem", a Latin expression meaning "by the day" and currently second only to AIDS as dirty word of the year, for a Minister is alleged to be 1½ times his hotel rate.

If we forget that there are $400 and $500 hotels around some of the spots our people travel to....

If we take the sum that has been given to us as fairly standard for a politician in the States or Europe or Sydney and so forth ($200 a night), then we are left with the staggering per diem figure of $300.00 per day!!!

No! Can't be! That is precisely what we said. And got laughed at for naivety!

B-b-b-but!

THREE HUNDRED BUCKS A DAY!!!!

THAT'S OVER TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS A WEEK!!!

POCKET MONEY!

With the normal pretty fair old salary mounting up back home...taking care of the tiresome little bills that are crippling the rest of us..like the food bills.. ..the re.[illegible] bills.. ..the kaiou bills!

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Cussons
IMPERIAL LEATHER
There are some little luxuries you and your family can enjoy every day of your lives—like Imperial Leather Toilet Soap. Its gentle lather, rich creaminess for a soft, soft skin that's smooth to the touch.
Bring a little luxury to your family today and every day with Imperial Leather.
IMPERIAL LEATHER
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An accusation frequently and, in our view, wildly and inaccurately, levelled at Developing World leaders is that they have merely continued the colonial system with black or brown faces replacing the old white ones. Critics point to the cagerness with which the Developing World elite have assumed the attitudes and values systems of the colonial world they inherited. Strength is given to such views by ads such as the one above from a Nigerian paper.

OPINION

Who cares

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Oh my golly gosh, people! Were Vince and Pa right all along ?

(*Opposition Demo MP's Vincent Ingram and Papamama Pokino have stated since 1984 that "government" is merely a "racket to get rich' under coalition ED.)

For heaven's sake ministers, stand up in Parliament and tell us all it's a downright lie. Malicious rumour and so forth.

For, it just CANNOT be true!

Tell

For heaven's sake, ministers, stand up in Parliament and tell us all clear that it's all a downright lie. Malicious rumour mongering and so forth.

Tell us, ministers, please tell us.

It cannot be true.

Not in a country where we have a man just down the road working 8 hours a day in the sun on $1.87 and if he buys a lemonade to ease the thirst, he needs another hour's work to pay it off!

Job

No one surely would have the gall to take $300 a day.

One senior Minister is reported to us to have spent six weeks overseas on hotel freebies, all expenses paid AND averaging about $300 a day "per diem".

That means, if it is true, he's got more in pocket money over six weeks than some teachers are getting in two years.

The world's gone mad!

It can't be true!

Tell us it's not true, Ministers.

The owner of this paper, as a mature and talented woman in the land of her ancestors, was paid $1.65 an hour in her last job.

It was the going rate. Set by a foreigner. No complaints. No alternative. She has a major handicap.

In this fine, fair, self-governing nation fought for and built by Albert Henry, Tom Davis, the Auckland Trade Unions and the CIPA on behalf of the working class Maori, a person who can only speak Maori is lucky to get a job of any sort.

The Democratic Party Government of 1978 came in on a platform which included a promise to travel and live economy class. If memory serves one right, it lasted maybe the first half dozen trips!

If memory also serves us right, it was ex-Demo John Scott who vowed in 1982 he would work to get the Demos out over the then trips scandal.

World

He succeeded. And, if memory also serves one right, it was John Scott who, as Secretary to Cabinet, was in a position to watch the start of the headlong flight overseas by the new CIP government.

My, how history repeats itself.

It's not idel gossip, ministers. It's all round town and really starting to upset people.

So, it's best for all, we feel, to have it out in an independent paper with a track record now of neutrality rather than a repeat of the door-to-door *newsletters which* went around in 1982 and 83. Those are sure to be back. With all the names printed.

That's not newspapers. This is.

Tell us it isn't true!

The great and brave Kenyan opposition independent Martin Shikuku defined the issue for the developing world for all time back in the early seventies.

Shikuku used to ride a bicycle..or walk. Everywhere. He would own a car, he said, when the people he represented owned a car.

It was a time when Kenya had a population of ten million, mostly living in poverty.

One day in Parliament, Shikuku made a short speech which summed up the post-independence third world's prime moral issue.

It is our issue. Not per diems. Nor trips. Nor ministerial houses. Nor zillions above and

MR. V. INGRAM MP (a "racket....")

the counter. Nor exploiting whites. Nor the CIA. Nor pinko hordes.

It is the flagrant misuse of the fruits of uhuru, the rewards of freedom by those who inherited power.

It is the huge and unpardonable gulf between the haves and the have nots.

It is the Te Atukura booze-up that costs more than a working man's salary in a year.

It is the mansions owned by those who represent the destitute.

And it was all summed up by Martin Shikuku, in the days before they jailed him.

"Out there,"he said, pointing in the direction of the world outside the sunlit, safari-suited House of Parliament, "there are ten million Kenyans."

"In here," he cried and pointed an unerring finger at the Cabinet front bench, "there are ten millionaires."

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$800000 on Travel!

Neither the Manor November elections of 1983, did more than restore the country to its slight natural CIP majority after the unusual events of August 1978.

The fact that there was a Demo "seat" majority in the second 1983 election was due to then Opposition leader Ingram successfully manipulating CIP leadership differences.

This produced split seats, put Tom Davis in Parliament, put Pui Henry behind the bar at the Tivoli and set us all on the long path, through coalition eventually, to our current position about a year away from another visit to the polling booths.

In neither 1983 election was there significant'swing' voting on issues except perhaps in NZ.

If there was an issue it was the question of government travel and ministerial perks.

Large numbers of people were upset.

They were not just the elite Maori and white immigrants government apologists made them out to be.

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But few actually translated their emotional dismay at personal profligacy by ministers into anti-party "swing" votes. The CIP's got in in March because they have more 'die-hard' constituencies than the Demos and Tupui Henry knew how to get them to the booths.

At present, we have a similar BIG ISSUE - trips!

MR. TUPUI HENRY ("to..the booths.")

Like everything else in our society, from tinned meat to syphillis, the basic figures have gone up.

Nowadays we are talking at least five noughts when we estimate the value of political incumbancy to the ministers.

But, does it make any difference politically ?

THAT, and no other, is the issue.

People who haven't got much always have a go at those who have.

It's part of soc- l dynamics. For -italist system to operate (and we have no alternative) its internal dynamics will produce a gap of such width separating rich and non-rich that there will be those whose hearts bleed abundantly.

Hence, the emotional response illustrated by our article on the subject of ministerial travel perks.

And hence, in 1983 it was a virtual non-issue and (although the opposition is carving into it with gusto) it is likely to be a non-issue in 1989.

School

Why ?

The government, like all governments recognise only economic and political forces.

Sorry, but all other matters may exert influence upon deacon elections only!

The people do not need deacons. They need schools, roads, hospitals, jobs, cars, videos and so forth.

They may also need spiritual comfort and they have a church for that.

The people have along the path of history been conditioned to have aspirations far beyond the country's economic capacity to provide.

The level of education, medical care, infrastructure and so forth they demand their politicians provide requires nowadays ENORMOUS funding.

The money is outside among the fast laners in the big hotels with the big conference tables and the big bar bills and the big boobs in the suites upstairs for afters.

It's been forbidden territory for little Maoris in the past.

And the result of all that has been that the even littler Maoris back home have had little but their grass skirts and smiles to keep them warm.

Manage

Looked at in this light, the BIG issue can be seen in the people's light, not through the pastel afterglow of liberal idealism.

For the people, the question is political (are the aspirations being met by this lot ?) and for the politicians the question is economic (how do we find the cash to keep the buggers fit, educated, employed and happy in front of their tubes ?)

All else is a non-issue. Norman George's new house is of no more relevance than Ewan Smith's.

Terepai Maoate's trip to Washington is of no more interest in itself than Brian Baudinet's trip to Wimbledon.

What is of concern is whether in the case of one pair they are providing goods and services at affordable prices... and in the case of the other pair are they managing the system sufficiently so as to ensure the prices are affordable?

Both pairs have their constituancies, the one the limited world of their companies, the other the wider one of the public.

Both are controlled by external forces, the one by those of the market, the other by the election process.

Both work with the money, time and labour of the people.

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The question of the colonial status of Maoris, their aspirations and traditional quiet, subservient role in the "white man's structure" has figured prominently from both sides of the house in rationales offered to justify salary raises, high travel expenses etc.

Above, the traditional role imposed even in childhood. It is widely held that the Coalition years have seen a signi- icant shi t in the image.

$800000 on Travel!

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They are no different, the Cook Is. businessman and the CIs politician. Neither good nor bad. Operators of a mixed economy which, one hears, Mr. Gorbachov would quite likely approve of!

In so far as our national economy works, they are well-paid (deservedly so, in view of the risks and responsibilities involved) technicians.

They need to be judged as such.

And that is precisely how the people judge them.

And that is precisely why the people will not consider "trips" a voting issue until such time as the opposition can persuade them of its relevance to their lives.

They will find some difficulty doing so, as simple public wisdom states that, when it comes to doing well personally, politicians of all shades seem to make out pretty good!

The only certainty within the always dynamic political process, however is that it is always much simpler to write the opposition PR!

Our economy

Exit Lines

NB: Neither of the above analyses has considered the question of offshore banking, its influence over politicians and the Parliamentary and electoral process. It is, we judge, totally out of the CIs. political and economic structure except in superficialities (such as Trevor and Co.). It obeys no force emanating from within the CIs. It is, unlike Air Raro, SSI etc, Norman George, Geoff Henry et al., not traceable back somehow to the people.

As such we regard it as sinister and extremely dangerous.

IT, not sweet nothings like Norman's house or Pai's trips, is the real issue for the next election.

It will not emerge. Both parties are all for it. They will thus direct our attention to the non-issues. We will never know the real issue.

And Mr. Gorbachov would definitely NOT approve of that!

We hope that the above two-part description has afforded readers the opportunity of finding their own approach to a question which many regard as striking right to the heart of our development.

POLITICS

BATTLE OF THE BALLOT BOX

-a New Style

An observer of the sittings of the recent Special Select Committee of Parliament in Atiu made a passing comment to the JOURNAL after the process was all over.

It seemed to sum up what several neutral observers also told us.

"Norman made a mistake," he said, "he should never have brought Geoff here."

Many people were impressed by the cool, polite and relaxed Henry "performance". It contrasted with a serious looking, sometimes irritable Ministerial showing.

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"What is needed is a new policy"

People

The Bottom Line for CIP

The New Mr. CIP

Shows His Stuff

CIP leader, Geoffrey Henry has kept a very low profile for a long time.

CIP's say they have no need to do anything else as they have the seats for the next election and Government will make plenty of mistakes without anyone encouraging them!

Last week, however, Mr. Henry broke his long local silence on policy for the future with a detailed interview given to the JOURNAL on the occasion of his visit to Atiu as part of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Superannuation.

There will be no official CIP manifesto until much closer to the election, he told us.

Nevertheless, what he did tell us gave a clear advance picture of the basic CIP positions on many issues.

"A complete mess."

-Geoffrey Henry

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POLITICS

New Style

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One or two people, including the JOURNAL, were experienced enough to note that Mr. Henry played things a bit naughtily. All may be fair in love and politics but upstaging the Chairman is arguably less than acceptable, especially on the Chairman's home territory!

But...upstage the Chairman, Mr. Henry did.

With charm. And with ease. If Mr. Henry was out to re-assure his up to now bewilderedly disarrayed Atiu branch, he succeeded well.

In Mapumai/Teenui, pro-defecting Mariri-man, Mataki Kaiarua held firm and, as nominal CIP Party President, appeared to take not a step which Mr. Parataínga would not have approved.

Mr. Parataínga was around, anyway, to make sure!

Where Mr. Henry did score was among the CIP's and a few disaffected Demos in Minister George's Areora constituency.

It will not over disturb Mr. George who, in our estimate at this time, has Areora sewn up tight (if not Ngatiarua).

Victory

But the brief wave of confidence Mr Henry helped wash over his embattled Party loyalists will certainly not harm the CIP cause.

It seemed to us to be the signs of a new-style Geoffrey Henry.

Everywhere the CIP leader went he exuded a National leadership image, above pettiness, beyond small-time personality politics.

He was mercilessly dismissive of the "traitors" and concentrated upon expressing encouragement, confidence and the promise of forthcoming victory to his loyalists.

The hardness and sense of superiority which critics have been wont to call "stubbornness" and "arrogance" were not in evidence.

He looked and sounded what he is, the most experienced cabinet member and Parliamentarian (in terms of range) in the country.

He behaved as if he was what he hopes to be, our next PM.

U.S.

Briefly, fleetingly, one could forget that it was little old dusty Apii Sabati Hall in a distant corner of a minute country.

The moment when Ernest Nicholls rose to inform the Committee that his people had no trust in Government's capacity to look after their affairs took one flashing back in time and location to that epic televised debate which sealed the fate of the 1960 USA election.

In their response to Mr. Nicholls' brutally honest expression of what many felt but few had dared to say...it was GAH who played JFK!

The New Mr. CIP

Shows His Stuff

After 21 issues, the JOURNAL is still a long way away from standing free and upright on its own feet.

But we do feel that we have given our readers the chance to think about the major issues affecting Cook Islanders and the Pacific and a chance to meet all our leaders through their own words.

Our comment is intended to stimulate, not propagandise.

Any interest we have in the covering a story is clearly and honestly declared.

In this issue, we are very proud to complete a series of lengthy interviews with each of the young political leaders in whose hands we feel the destiny of our small country is likely to be held for a long time to come.

You have met Mr. Ingram and Mr. George in the pages of the JOURNAL.

Now we introduce you to the leader of the CIP party and PM of the Cook Islands in 1983, former Deputy leader of Coalition I, Leader of the Opposition, MP for Takuvaine, Aitutakian-born Geoffrey Henry.

The JOURNAL is proud to be the first and only CIs paper to publish a current series of unrestricted interviews with each of our three younger political leaders.

For the sake of our overseas readers, we offer a brief background on Mr. Henry.

Geoffrey Arama Henry (47) was born in Aitutaki and educated at Secondary School at the prestigious and elitist Wanganui Collegiate in New Zealand where he was a CIs. scholarship student.

He majored in Commerce and Law at University. (A lesser known community service he offers is legal help and advice to poorer constituents and members of the public. Ironically, similar unpublicised help is offered by his great political rival, Norman George!)

Mr. Henry entered politics at a very young age in 1965, the year of self-government.

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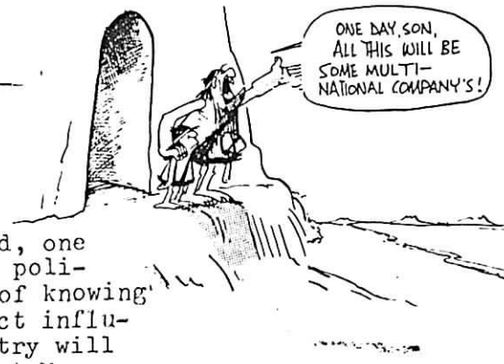

In the Developing World, one of the few privileges politically is the sense of knowing that one is having a direct influence upon what one's country will become. (RIGHT NZ Cartoonist Murray Ball comments upon the future of Development)

The New Mr. CIP Shows His Stuff

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In 1972, he joined the CIP Parliamentary team as elected MP for Aitutaki.

He held a number of cabinet posts, establishing himself a reputation as an astute Finance Minister - reputation which only narrowly survived the 1978 "fly-in" voters scandals which brought down the CIP government and during the course of which he was cleared of involvement by the High Court.

He led the CIP to victory in the first 1983 election and headed what was widely regarded as the most talented cabinet ever assembled in the country.

His government collapsed over a leadership crisis with the defection of Albert Henry's son, Tupui who has still not accepted Geoffrey Henry as CIP leader.

In 1984 he formed Coalition I under Tom Davis.

He withdrew the CIP members in 1985 after an unsuccessful bid to form a new government in coalition with Democratic Party loyalist Vincent Ingram.

4 of his Party remained in Coalition with Davis and have been joined by two others since.

As a minister in Coalition I, Mr. Henry was regarded as a brilliant holder of the Tourism portfolio. The biggest leap forward ever in the industry came during his tenure of office.

Geoffrey's Henry's private life is built around his club, Takuvaine, and the very talented number of sporting sons he has in the red-red ranks, including RL international Ewan (Centre) (...in Avatiu strip!)

His performances with the MOW and Education portfolios were less highly regarded.

He is an outstanding golfer and has Presided over the administration of the Cook Islands Open since its inauguration.

His son Walter is a current CIs international Golf representative. His younger son Ewan is a senior RL international and a further son, Alexander is expected to follow in his footsteps.

Mr. Henry has held many community posts in Rarotonga, especially in sport.

As an ultimate accolade in modern Rarotongan culture, he has been an 'A' grade rugby coach.

He is the only Cook Islander currently representing and elected to a constituency which is not his native district. Apart from Albert Henry (and disregarding the Overseas seat), he is the only MP ever to have achieved this, in modern Parliamentary terms.

Outstandingly bi-lingual, at home in all communities and all races, Geoffrey Henry's credentials as a Cook Islander are unique.

Many would regard him as the archetypal contemporary Polynesian Man for All Seasons.

Perhaps, however, that glittering record has curiously proved as much a handicap as a blessing in his chequered 22 years of public life.

Family

Defecting CIP's claim one reason only for their defection - Geoffrey Henry!

Among neutrals, the subject of the CIP leader produces mixed reactions of open respect and, no doubt about it, fear.

Rumours abound of Aitutakians fearful of crossing members of his family, some of whom are reputed to have long memories and sharp-edged figurative matipis!

Many speak of their feeling of intimidation when faced with the battery of talents Mr. Henry can summon up.

His closest Parliamentary colleagues, however, display a fierce tight-lipped loyalty rare in CIs. politics.

Of no doubt, at all is his reciprocal loyalty to the party faithful and to those who offer him support.

Provided an editor or reporter produces professional work and is prepared to take as much as he hands out, Mr. Henry as fair and at all times ready to face the media, is highly regarded in local media circles as fair and always ready to meet the media, occasionally to give them an ear-chewing but usually to explain in detail and with patience his policies.

Mistake

In this writer's experience, Mr. Henry has an immaculate record of support for a multi-racial Cook Islands.

The one dubious spot on Mr. Henry's performance in the 80's was felt by businessmen and Parliamentary colleagues spoken to, to be his handling of certain Australian contacts where it was felt that his personal loyalties to people were a mistake.

So...there you are readers!

That's our assessment (which we hope you find sufficiently rigorous for a man who has ambitions to *be a Regional* leader!).

Now, with no adornment...the man himself.

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The New Mr. CIP

Shows His Stuff

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JOURNAL: To start with, suppose one asked you in very broad terms how you see our country at this time, what would be your summary ?

HENRY: I would describe it as a total mess.

JOURNAL: That's very sweepin.

HENRY; Well, that's the country as far as the People are concerned. And they are the bottom line as far as we are concerned. In terms of what affects the People, the country is in a mess. No question.

JOURNAL: By that you mean...?

HENRY: I mean the actual issues which concern people. Go through them. Education run down and mismanaged. Agriculture can't even organise basic shipping. Health is at its worst ever level and so on down the list of what affects people's lives.

JOURNAL: You seem to be especially concerned about Health ?

HENRY: The mess of the Health Department is serious. Staff morale is dreadfully low and the service offered the patients at the hospital is the worst ever. The staff are against the Minister and that's good for a start.

JOURNAL: And Agriculture ?

HENRY: A massive management problem. If Vaine (Shadow Spokesman on Agriculture, Vaine Taerea) was put in charge he would immediately get the growers going. A small example of the need for a new morale and some initiative was seen in Aitutaki where they organised their own marketing system to cope with a shipping crisis and ended up getting $5.50 a carton of bananas up North instead of $3.71 from NZ. There's a malaise running through all the major services. It's a sign of them all run down while the government is off making deals to run itself. Ignoring the people.

Care

JOURNAL: In terms of our major industry, tourism, we are beginning to see the growth of tourist related social problems such as the rise in formal prostitution. Do you feel it is still possible to exert control over the industry.

HENRY: If there are problems, I presume I will be blamed (laughing) in so far as I was Tourism Minister when the Big Leap Forward took place in 1984-5. But seriously, the bulk of the problems, and they ARE real, can once more be traced to lack of involvement of the people by the government. If the people are merely the bell-hops and taxi-drivers they are going to regard the industry just as a source of making money. They are not going to care much. They are not involved in the decisions. What we are going to do is add quality to the industry by getting the people and the tourist involved with each other.

One plan is to assist people in housing development and improvement so that they can take visitors in. We will finance help for people to build family units of their own.

JOURNAL: Family units are all very well but they're not going to fill airplanes and hotel units.

Policy

HENRY: Sure. Of course the Rarotongan Hotel and other big complexes are the basis of it all. But an industry must seek to involve the people. Otherwise it will run into serious problems. We will get the people directly with a stake in the development of tourism. That is our way of placing the industry back under the control of the people. Our government will ensure that the direction of tourism is under the control of government, not the random forces of the open market. Our visitors must not be herded into an isolated situation. They must be a part of us all. You will only get the social problems when the people are encouraged to see themselves as servants ready to grab whatever they can while it lasts.

More

You will not get who is responsible to anything but the undesirable forms of entertainment if you don't give them a chance to involve themselves in the country they are visiting.

What we are getting is the product of an industry totally left to the Open Market.

We can take 60,000 tourists if necessary AND if it is planned so as to involve the people directly in planning and management.

JOURNAL: And your short-term answer to the problem areas?

HENRY: They can largely be taken care of immediately. The structu-

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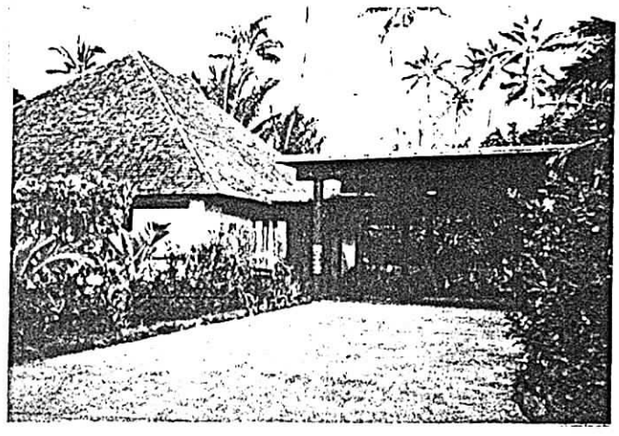

The Rarotongan Hotel, heart of the Cook Islands Tourist Industry. "Whatever additional ideas we will bring to the development of the industry", says the CIP leader, "the Rarotongan remains the basis of everything."

CIP

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res and laws for bringing them under control already exist. They just need enforcing.

If you want me to sum up the CIP tourism policy, it is simple. We will make the people the Proprietors of the Industry..not its servant class.

JOURNAL: You have spoken about our service industries and our major private industry, tourism. What about, presumably, the potential biggest of them all - offshore banking. Is it not beyond the people's control?

HENRY: It can seem that way. Around the world there are unimaginable sums of money flashing through telexes on their way to various destinations. All parties are in agreement that we want some of it, a lot of it, to stop here. We are nowhere near the point where limits are even being approached.

Industry

JOURNAL: So, are you worried that government will exercise no significant control over the conduct of operations involving such sums?

HENRY: I'm not so worried that it cannot be done. I have studied as much as possible the system in the Caymans which I believe shows that proper management ensures an excellent offshore banking industry conducted in the interests of the people. Where I see government's essential role is in ensuring that 1 or 2 trust companies do not manoeuvre government their way.

Unless ALL companies have input, the industry can go wrong.

JOURNAL: To sum up the CIP domestic policies at this stage, how would you describe your overall stance within national politics ?

HENRY: The CIP is a party with a long history. Its ancestry is the Cook Islands working class born out of the bitter and violent struggles of the CIPA led by Albert Henry. We have not lost contact with our past but we have in time moved much closer to the Centre. Perhaps a little left of centre in social affairs but broadly in the mainstream of Social Democratic progress.

Change

We are not the old CIP. In a way we are not the old CIP in the same sense as David Lange is not the old Labour Party. We are a modern Cook Islands Party. Not all the problems the old party took on have been solved. We will move to solve them. The government's Open Market policies will not. They will just create more problems.

JOURNAL: As a former Finance Minister, how do you view the money supply ?

HENRY: In 1966 we operated on £820,000! Today on $50m or more. That indicates a growing sophistication needed. Especially as there is still, of course, not enough money to do what the people want. But my immediate concern is to give back to the people the amount existing within the PRESENT system which they are deprived of through bad management.

JOURNAL: Such as ?

HENRY: I will promise that over a 3 year period as much as $15m out

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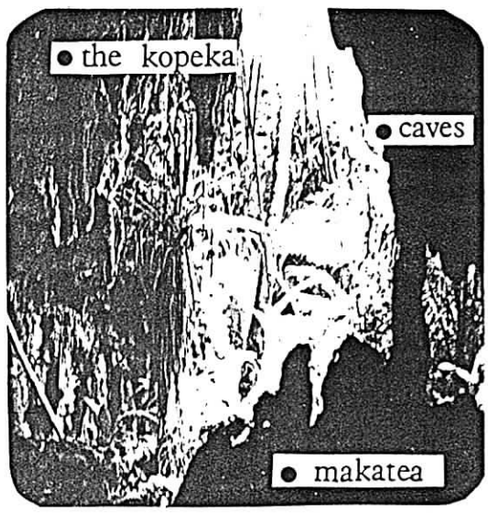
Atiu Island

- beautiful seclusion
- tropical wilderness
- birds
- beaches.



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Atiu Motel...

Your Host and Hostess
- Dr Roger and Kura Malcolm
Guides
- Taio, Tangi, Vaine and Aukino

Picture Perfect

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of the current budget can be found and put at the people's service.

JOURNAL: In terms of direction, Minister George has stated that he sees us moving towards a Papeete-style society ? Do you support that ?

HENRY: Not at all. Not when I remember the times I have, for example, been unable to hear a church service on Sunday because of the noise of the traffic! No, I do'nt think we want Papeete duplicated here.

JOURNAL: Does that mean you are against our involvement with France.

HENRY: I see NZ and Australia in traditional terms as our major contacts and influences. But from time to time they need reminding of our independence. In such cases, I see France as a valuable ace card for us.

---power

JOURNAL: Do you see us as a multi-racial society ?

HENRY: Indeed I do. In fact, I would go so far as to say I know several white Cook Islanders who are a darned sight more Cook Islander than some Maoris I could name! But no one should forget, that in the great sweep of historical forces moving across the Pacific now, this is the Age of the Polynesian. In New Zealand. In Hawaii. In Papeete. Even, if you know your history, Polynesian Power is on the move. There is no denying its force. The progress of Mattiu Rata's party in New Zealand, the fact that Samoa is seeing the grandsons of the Mau Mau movement coming into political power, the "Tongan" influence in the Fiji coup leadership - this is a force which also we are part of. The simmering problems in those countries are here, too.

JOURNAL: Do you see the so-called "Tebai-solution" of living within one's means and tailoring development accordingly, as applicable here ?

HENRY: I see his solutions as Kiribati solutions. No more. If applied here, I would view like I view some of Colonel Gudgeon's colonial staements-as stating it is "wrong to teach the natives too much"!

Balance

JOURNAL: What are your feelings about Melanesia generally ?

HENRY: Obviously, it is a very unstable area. I respect Fr. Lini and feel he will get back after the Vanuatu elections. I hardly know Pais Wingti. I have not met Jean Marie Tjibaou. In general terms, I see the need for the Cook Is. to be extremely alert and pay attention to the counterpointing balance of politics in Melanesia.

JOURNAL: Specifically, have you any immediate stances in this area.

HENRY: We support Kanak independence.

JOURNAL: Coming back home, are you worried that you may not be able to offer as impressive a list of candidates as in 1983.

HENRY: 1983 WAS an impressive list. I agree that at this stage we have yet to come up with that line-up.

JOURNAL: Could it be said that Geoffrey Henry cannot attract the best to work with him.

Jean-Marie TJIBAOU -Leader of Kanak independence. (Support from CIP)

FR. WALTER LINI

PM VANUATU

(The ni-Vanuatu go to the polls next week in an election which is widely regarded as crucial to the stability of Melanesia. Mr. Henry speaks of "simmering emotions" in an area requiring very close observation)

HENRY: It will be said! But I am in the hands of my committees. What people must realise is that the actions of members who have betrayed their electorates by changing parties in mid-term have caused branch committees to place a maximum premium on loyalty to the electorate. This will produce candidates who may be less well-known but whose loyalty to those who elected them is 100%. I can understand that feeling, of course.

JOURNAL: Will you try to do something about it ?

HENRY: In our party the candidates are chosen by the people and expected to remain loyal. But we will be seeking legislation to impose some form of recall system on defecting MP's.

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JOURNAL: On the question of the 5-year Parliamentary term, what is your stance ?

HENRY: We will introduce a referendum on that and on the national flag. To let the people decide once and for all.

JOURNAL: How is the opposition functioning nowadays ?

HENRY: We work alongside Mr. Ingram and Tom Davis now sits with us and contributes. We have no intention of ostracising him so that he will be forced back to the others so they can have their ⅔ majority to prolong their life?

JOURNAL: Would you if necessary form a government with Mr. Ingram.

HENRY: Yes.

JOURNAL: And have you any other specific plans.

HENRY: Not for publication at this time. Norman would pinch them!

"It's amazing," says Geoffrey Henry, "Norman George has always been Labour. Now here he is just repeating word for word Tom Davis' policies."

ABOVE: 1985. Norman George in the background in those days shadows Davis (right) and Australia's Bob Hawke in Rarotonga.

THE SWEET TASTE OF SUCCESS

For one of the new generation of CIs. Islands political leaders, the 1989 election will be a significant step towards becoming both the dominating figure in Cook Islands politics for a long time to come and a potential Regional leader in the turn of century decade.

Certainly, as Geoffrey Henry infers in his JOURNAL interview, the Cook Islands in Polynesian terms has an importance far beyond its size.

It is the only politically free Maori nation and has democratic institutions infinitely more sophisticated than anywhere else in Polynesia.

The young (in political terms) leader who succeeds in 1989 is likely to find success has an extremely sweet taste.

But bitter indeed will be the taste of defeat.

For all three, it could spell utter disaster.

In the case of Geoffrey Henry, failure to take over government will almost certainly mark the end of his leadership of the oldest party in the Cook Islands.

For Vincent Ingram, failure to be in a balance of power situation could mean a long, long spell in the wilderness attempting to rebuild a Demo party around him.

For Norman George failure to be part of a winning Coalition group would be also disastrous and an almost certain end to high office for a very long time.

So, the stakes are very very high for our three up-and-coming political leaders.

In our view, none of them face significant challenges in their own electorates. All have worked hard for their constituencies. 1989 will almost certainly see them all back in Nikao.

But in what capacity ?

The JOURNAL interviews over 3 months we feel, show clearly that Mr. George at home and abroad is a man of the right, that Mr. Henry has moved hard to wrap up the centre AND, significantly in the JOURNAL interview offers a warm home to the left, Mr. Ingram is at present eclectic and still, leopard-like, camouflaged on a low branch watching where and at whom to spring.

We hope you have enjoyed meeting our new generation of leaders over the past three months and that, in some way, we have assisted your understanding of what they represent to us all.

"I have no burning ambition to be Prime Minister. I just want to see the country get moving."

-Norman George to the JOURNAL August 1987

"I am at the disposal of my Committee. If they want me, I am leader. We are a democratic party in the true sense of the word"

-Geoffrey Henry to the CIs Times 1986

"I am just doing what my people elected me to do. I am answerable always to them."

-Vincent Ingram to CINews 1984 (unpublished!)

Press

The editor of the JOURNAL is in the fortunate position of having an almost free hand, responsible to the paper's owner. For this reason, although agreeing with the Fiji military regime's statements on freedom of the press (quoted last week), the JOURNAL is highly sensitive to their implications in all SP nations. However, we shall continue our policy of independent news coverage and commentary under no one's influence, not party, nor business interest. Nevertheless, after discussions with our Business Manager, Mr. Roger Malcolm of AML, it has been mutually decided to sever all formal connection between the JOURNAL and AML. This step is taken in accordance with earlier plans whereby Mr. Malcolm agreed to help TEMAI MANEA set up the JOURNAL just as he has helped several other Atiuans to set up ventures. Mr. Malcolm has never influenced editorial policy. We despise all such suggestions. The JOURNAL is a free, independent Atiuan business and expects all Atiuan leaders to support it as such. We express our very great appreciation to Mr. Malcolm and Mrs Malcolm for their help to the JOURNAL...and wish them and all Atiuan businesses great future success.

This statement is within a normal newspaper tradition when faced with threat and/or harrassment.

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THE JOURNAL & THE (Last) WORD

SCENE: Rarotonga: - Sports Association HQ.
ENTER RADICAL:

R: Hey! Heard the news ?

SA: Sport & Politics don't mix Sport 'n Politics don't mix Sport 'n Po...

R: OK. OK. Bernard Pons is opening the South Pacific Games.

SA: Sportandppoliticsdon't mix

R: Sure. But this Pons, he's a right wing politician sent down, so Radio France said, to represent the right wing PM of France.

SA: ..sport'npoliti....

R: LISTEN! Pons is opening the Games as a political gesture.

SA: ...sport'npoliticsdon't...

R: It's unheard of in the SPG. We wouldn't let Tom open the Mini-Games remember.

SA: sport'politicsdon'tmmix...

R: Bah!

SA: Baaaaa!

Bernard Pons.

LATEST:

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